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REMARKS

Claims 36-70 are now present in the application. Claim 53 has been amended.
Claim 36 is independent.

Favorable action on the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

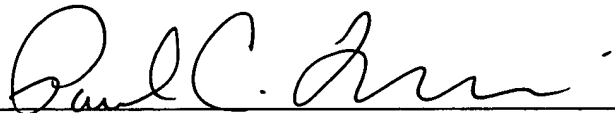
In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Paul C. Lewis, Registration No. 43,368 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claim has been amended as follows:

53. (AMENDED) An implant as claimed in claim [17] ~~48~~, wherein the heights of the screw thread profiles of said first and second cylindrical sections and said connecting section are essentially the same.